

MIDWEEK MISSIVE 01/30/19

As the cold starts to creep in, I have to remind myself that this is all part of God's plan of rest and renewal, rest and renewal. The seasons of the year are an amazing thing, but when the dead of winter hits in this part of the world, I find myself wishing God could have figured out a different way to carry out his plan! Oh, well...the beauty is that Spring will arrive and we will once again enjoy the warmer part of God's plan.

Another part of God's plan is that each of us would do what we could do to take care of each other. Those we know and those we don't know. Taking care of the people we know is pretty easy. If we know someone who is elderly, or home sick, or homebound for any reason, it's easy to pick up the phone and check in. Maybe they need something from the store, or maybe they just would welcome the call.

How we take care of the people we don't know is a bit more difficult. But one way is to participate in the "Food n Friends" meal program as a food preparer and server. Thanks to those Candleberry Chapel members who did just that last weekend, many people had a hot meal and some good fellowship. Another way we can help is by our donations of non-perishable food to "Food and Friends" and the cold weather shelter they support. Canned vegetables, canned tuna, canned chicken, boxed macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, are just a few of the items that will help out. For the month of February, we will be collecting food for the shelter. There is a list of especially needed items available at the chapel. Anything will help! Just make sure it is not expired, not opened and non-perishable.

As much as I try to deny it, I know that the cold weather is going to be here for awhile. And that is why it is so important that we who have the ability to help must step up and do so, however we can. It's simply what Jesus instructed us to do!

**Be peaceful,
Rev. Brad**

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